

March 20, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WC Dockets No. 10-90**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, March 16, 2017, James Arden Barnett, Jr, and Ian D. Volner, on behalf of Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. (SIC), met with Dr. Jay Schwartz, Wireline Advisor to Chairman Ajit Pai, Garnet Hanly and Rebekah Douglas of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

Messrs. Barnett and Volner also met, in separate meetings on Thursday, March 16, 2017, with Amy Bender, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael O’Rielly.

The topics discussed at each of these meetings were substantially the same. Messrs. Barnett and Volner brought attention to substantive and procedural defects of the USAC Order, FCC 16-167, and the inconsistencies of that Order with the related Notice of Apparent Liability, FCC 16-165. The participants discussed the dual goals of ensuring continued telecommunications services in the Hawaiian Home Lands (HHL) and the integrity of Universal Service Funds.

The participants discussed how to best benefit Native Hawaiians in the HHL, and SIC’s role in continuing to provide high quality and reliable coverage in the HHL. The participants also discussed a process to resolve the perceived issues that would protect the interests of the Native Hawaiians.

Messrs. Barnett and Volner left with FCC staff the following documents which are in the public record.

- SIC’s Redacted Petition for Reconsideration
- Redacted Rennard Declaration
- Smith Declaration
- SIC’s Redacted Response and Comment to NAL

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- Ho Declaration and Timeline of SIC audits and investigations
  - Exemplars of Support Letters from SIC Subscribers and HHL residents

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, this submission is being filed for inclusion in the public record of the referenced proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/James Barnett

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